Appl. No. 09/829,7000 Amdt. Dated February 21, 2006 Reply to Office action of September 21, 2005 16V/771

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1. No. : 09/829,700

Applicant : Volker Kuhnel et al. Filed : April 10, 2001

Title: : A METHOD FOR INDIVIDUALIZING A HEARING AID

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Examiner: : Andrew Graham

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AMENDMENT "D"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 21, 2005 (paper no. 20041223). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on December 21, 2005. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for 2 months, up to and including February 21, 2006. The amount of \$450 is included to cover the extension of time fee, and \$400 for conversion of two dependent claims to independent claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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